



SUPPORTIVE STATEMENTS FOR SENATOR HEITKAMP'S POSTAL REFORM ACT OF 2018

“Thousands of North Dakotans rely on the work of the U.S. Postal Service every day, particularly in our rural communities. But sustaining this reliable public service will require innovative reforms, and North Dakota’s postmasters recognize the urgent need to financially stabilize the Postal Service so we can continue to serve families and small businesses across North Dakota. Senator Heitkamp has long been a champion of the U.S. Postal Service and its employees, and the United Postmasters and Managers of America thanks her for working for years on this important issue and helping introduce this bipartisan bill. It would provide much-needed financial relief to the Postal Service while enabling it to keep operating throughout rural America and supporting good jobs throughout our state. We look forward to working with Senator Heitkamp to continue preserving dependable, affordable services and protecting the jobs of postal workers.”— ***Carla Tinkham, President, United Postmasters and Managers of America, North Dakota Chapter.***

“As a customer-owned rural electric cooperative that actively seeks the input of its members, we rely on the Postal Service not only for billing purposes, but to return critical feedback that improves our day-to-day operations and makes us more efficient. While information technology continues to innovate at a rapid rate, the quality of mail delivery and service in our area has largely declined, making it harder for us to meet customer needs in a timely manner. The Postal Service has struggled to provide central North Dakota with the reliable mail services it needs, and Congress needs to act to both give the Postal Service the tools it needs to thrive and innovate, but also hold it accountable. Senator Heitkamp’s bill is the right step, as it would return the Postal Service to a pattern of stable service and on-time delivery, and we appreciate her work on it. With these improvements, we can better serve the people of our communities.”— ***Jen Aaseth, Customer Service Representative, Verendrye Electric Cooperative.***

“It is vital that Congress act promptly to pass legislation that will ensure affordable, reliable mail service six days a week. I applaud the leadership of Senators Carper, Moran, Heitkamp and McCaskill in crafting legislation to achieve that goal and respond to the concerns of leaders in the House of Representatives.” — ***Don Hall, CEO of Hallmark Cards, Inc.***

“The APWU appreciates their efforts to achieve postal legislative reform that is fair to the APWU members, postal workers in general, the public Postal Service and postal customers.”— ***Judy Beard, Legislative & Political Director, American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO.***

“The Association of Magazine Media commends Senators Carper, Moran, Heitkamp, and McCaskill for their leadership. The introduction of this bill is an important first step toward

securing the future of the American postal system and the many industries that rely on it to do business – including our own.”— ***Linda Thomas Brooks, president and CEO, Association of Magazine Media.***

“There is an urgent need for the Congress to enact postal reform legislation this year. We are hopeful that with the introduction in the Senate of the bipartisan Postal Service Reform Act of 2018 by Senators Thomas Carper (D-DE), Claire McCaskill (D-MI), Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), and with the bipartisan support for H.R. 756 in the House, Congress will enact a postal reform bill soon that puts the Postal Service on a sustainable financial path. We look forward to working with both the House and the Senate to advance legislation that provides essential reforms that will improve the financial condition of the Postal Service, allowing us to continue meeting America’s mailing and shipping needs.”— ***U.S. Postmaster General & CEO Margaret Brennan.***

“The very broad business mailing community represented by the Coalition for a 21st Century Postal Service endorses the Postal Reform Act of 2018 and appreciates the hard work by the bipartisan sponsors to get to this point. The extreme financial challenges overhanging the Postal Service have been evident and building for a number of years, with a day of real reckoning coming later this year. The industry and other stakeholders have sought help only Congress can give throughout this time to no avail. Now is the time for Congress to act before it must bail out the system with taxpayer dollars or radically shrink it.”— ***Coalition for a 21st Century Postal Service***

“The United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA) applauds the efforts of Senators Carper, Moran, Heitkamp and McCaskill in introducing bipartisan legislation to further the goal of providing financial relief to the U.S Postal Service, helping safeguard a universal postal system, and encouraging innovation. UPMA looks forward to continue working with these Senators and other members of Congress to sustain the U.S. Postal Service, a proven national treasure.”— ***UPMA co-presidents Tony Leonardi and Sean Acord.***

“NNA supports the hard work these bill sponsors have done to ensure a reliable and affordable mail service. Congress has lingered far too long over the needed corrections in postal policy, and as a result the continuation of this service is ever more seriously at risk. Our elected officials know the Postal Service must have a better set of laws for its operation, and they ignore this need at the peril of all of us who rely upon the mail. We strongly urge the Senate to take up this bill and give this proposal, which has bipartisan support, an opportunity to pass this year.”— ***Susan Rowell, publisher of the Lancaster (SC) News, and president of the National Newspaper Association***

“On behalf of the National Association of Postal Supervisors (NAPS), I write to express our endorsement of your bill, *The Postal Service Reform Act of 2018: Improving Postal Operations, Service, and Transparency*, S. 2629. Your measure responsibly updates and strengthens the bipartisan reforms contained in the House postal measure, H.R. 756 and further improves and sustains the governance and operations of the United States Postal Service.”— ***Brian J. Wagner, National President, National Association of Postal Supervisors.***